

# St. Elizabeth and St. Jules Churches

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## September 17, 2023: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 8 Interesting Facts About the Catholic Church

1. Vatican City has the highest crime rate in the world! With a population around 500 people and a little over one crime per day, the Vatican crime rate is above 100 percent, per capita. Although the fact is shocking it should be remembered that the Vatican is about one square mile in size, and has nearly 20 million visitors annually. Most of the crimes are pickpockets, purse snatching and other petty offenses done by outsiders.
2. The ONLY Christian church in existence for the first 1,000 years of Christian history was the Roman Catholic Church. All other Christian churches which exist today can trace their lineage back to the Roman Catholic Church.
3. The Catholic Church consists of more than just the Roman Catholic Church. There are 22 Eastern Rites that are in full communion with Rome and although they go by different names, they are every bit as much a part of the Catholic Church.
4. Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press, was Catholic and the first book ever printed was the Catholic Bible.
5. The Catholic Church is entirely responsible for the composition of the Bible, which books are included, as well as the breakup of the chapters and verses. Protestants have removed some books of the Bible because some of the verses were inconsistent with their theology.
6. About 15 percent of all hospitals in the United States are Catholic hospitals. In some parts of the world, the Catholic Church provides the only healthcare, education and social services available to people.
7. The Catholic Church spends more money than Apple brings in. Expenditures by the Catholic Church, largely on charity, exceeded \$170 billion in 2012, according to The Economist magazine. In that same year, Apple took in \$157 billion in revenue.
8. The Pope is protected by the Swiss Papal Guard. Wearing uniforms designed by Michelangelo and commonly armed with halberds, they are capable of using heavier weapons if needed. Each member is Catholic, male, and Swiss, and must complete military training in Switzerland. They must demonstrate good conduct and be at least five-foot-eight in height. In extreme circumstances, they are expected to guard the Holy Father with their lives. The Swiss Papal Guard is the oldest active military unit in continual existence since 1506.

Source: [10 Interesting Facts About The Catholic Church \(strosenj.com\)](https://strosenj.com)

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:  
St. Elizabeth: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: St. Jules: 8:30 AM  
St. Elizabeth: 10:30 AM

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Jules : Monday and  
Thursday: 6:00 PM  
St. Elizabeth: Tuesday and  
Friday: 7:45 AM

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 3:50 PM  
and 30 minutes before  
every weekday Mass or by  
appointment

#### ADORATION

St. Jules:  
Monday & Thursday 5 PM  
St. Elizabeth Convent Chapel:  
Tuesday & Friday - 5 AM to 7 PM

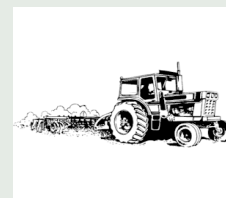
## Inviting Your Family for A Special Mass: September 23 to October 22, 2023

Date	Time & Church	Family of
9/23/2023	4:00 pm STE	Keith Blanchard, Leroy Blanchard, Jr., Leroy Blanchard, III, Lindsey Blanchard, Norma Blanchard, Sandy Blanchard, Scotty Blanchard
9/24/2023	8:30 am STJ	Mitchell Antoon, Nina Aucoin, Sharon Aucoin, Timmy Bailey, John Beck, Frances Becnel
9/24/2023	10:30 am STE	Terry Blanchard, Todd Blanchard, Virgie Blanchard, Ted Bouchereau, Gail Boudreaux, Jonah Boudreaux, Juli Boudreaux Theriot
9/30/2023	4:00 pm STE	Joseph Bourque, Kirk Brady, Ann Breaux, Iris Breaux, Jordy Brescher, Clifford Brister, Maxine Brower
10/1/2023	8:30 am STJ	Connie Bellina, Lawrence Bergeron, Sam Berry, Crystal Bimah, Gerald Binder, Beau Blanchard, Bryce Blanchard
10/1/2023	10:30 am STE	John Brown, Sylvia Brown, Davis Callegan, Dennis Caminita, Carole Bullock, Brad Castagnos, Benjie Castro
10/14/2023	4:00 pm STE	Ivy Cavalier, Joyce Cavalier, Lawrence Cavalier, Mark Cavalier, Scott Cavalier, Scott Cazelot, Michael Cazenave
10/15/2023	8:30 am STJ	Tim Blanchard, Gary Burton, Charles Blanchard, Christopher Blanchard, Donald Blanchard, Gilbert Blanchard, Glenda Blanchard
10/15/2023	10:30 am STE	James Cazes, Damian Cedotal, Junior Cedotal, Scott Cedotal, Jose Cepeda, Michal Cernuska
10/21/2023	4:00 pm STE	Gladys Charlet, Jason Charlet, Donald Cire, Donnie Clifton, Wally Comeaux, Robert Conerly, Congregation of Mother Carmel
10/22/2023	8:30 am STJ	Marvin Blanchard, Raymond Blanchard, Therese Blanchard, Troy Blanchard, Byron Borne, Terry Bouchereau, James Boudreaux
10/22/2023	10:30 am STE	Susan Cooper, Jackie Coston, Warren Couch, Chris Coupel, Christy Coupel, Derrin Coupel, Kayla Coupel

You are welcome to send your special prayer requests to the office for these Masses. Please meet me at the entrance of the church 10 minutes prior to your family's designated Mass. Your family will process in with the Priest, Deacon, and ministers. We mailed out a letter with the date and Mass your family will be specially prayed for. If you have not got the letter, please call the office.



### St. Elizabeth Church Harvest Festival News



The St. Elizabeth Church Harvest Festival will soon be here! The date is Sunday, October 8, and plans are underway to make this year's festival a huge success! Old favorites like the Auction, Country Store, Sweet Booth, Children's Games and Silent Auction will return along with the wonderful delicious food. More information will be available in future bulletins, so please keep checking. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with any of the festival activities, please contact our fair chairpersons, Cathy Theriot (985-513-1077) and Stanley Sternfels (225-717-3674). **Mass on October 8th at St. Elizabeth will be at 10 AM.**

Cake Sale will be this weekend (September 16/17) at all masses. Volunteers are needed for the Pie Making Day which will be Saturday, October 7, 2023 beginning at 8 AM. Anyone wishing to help bake goods for either or if you have pecans or blackberries you can donate, please contact Carla Hernandez @225-717-0848. Thank you!

### Cemetery Fund/ Dues

Cemetery Fund donations are now being accepted for St. Elizabeth, St. Jules, and St. Martin. Envelopes are located in the entrance to both Churches. This helps with the cost of maintaining our sidewalks, cutting the grass, and general upkeep of the cemeteries. The suggested donation is \$35.00 per family but all donations are greatly appreciated.

## **St. Elizabeth & St. Jules Ministers Schedule**

The entire schedule is posted on <https://sesjchurch.com/liturgical-ministers> . A copy is also available in the Sacristy and will be emailed to you when it is ready. If you are not able to serve your scheduled time, please call someone to take your place.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>	<b>SACRISTANS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
Saturday 09/23/23 St. Elizabeth	4:00 PM	Diane LeBlanc Megan LeBlanc	Suzanne Giroir Sr. Anija Sr. Sharon	Jolie Mabile Noah Giroir	CMC Sisters	Volunteers
Sunday 09/24/23 St. Jules	8:30 AM	Alli Gautreaux Maddie Landry	Alaina Paine Jeannie Morris Annette Oschwald	Alexander Paine Anderson Paine	Rebecca Capone	Austin Paine Aiden Paine David Landry Tony Paine
Sunday 09/24/23 St. Elizabeth	10:30 AM	Laura Stock Brady Landry	Sandy George Ed Stock Paula Theriot	Martin Stock Eddie Stock Susanna Stock	Norma Blanchard	Volunteers

## **Stewardship for September 11, 2023**

	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>
<b>St. Elizabeth Regular Collection</b>	\$1695.10	\$910.00	\$2605.10	\$2804.00
<b>Improvement Fund</b>	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$135.00	
<b>Catholic University of America</b>	\$437.00		\$437.00	
<b>St. Jules Regular Collection</b>	\$941.00	\$1371.00	\$2312.00	\$2679.00
<b>Improvement Fund</b>	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	
<b>Catholic University of America</b>	\$208.00	\$63.00	\$271.00	

### **6:00 pm Sunday Mass**

6:00 pm Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth will begin on **October 1<sup>st</sup>** and will continue through **December 17<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Farmers' Blessing:**

The Farmers' Blessing will be on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 am Mass. We ask that all those who participate in farming in our parish please attend this mass for a special blessing.

### **Blessing of Animals**

The Blessing of Animals will be **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** at 3:00 pm on the grounds of St. Jules Church. St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals. It is a tradition in many parts of the world to bless animals and pets. Please bring your kids along with their pets.

### **Upcoming Special Collection**

**Sept. 24** - Religious Education

### **KC Meeting: Sept. 18 - St. Jules Hall**

**6:00PM** - Regular Meeting

**7:00 PM** - Fraternal Benefit Night

### **Golf Cart Raffle**

To benefit St. Jules and St. Elizabeth Capital Campaign Save Our Treasures

Tickets Only \$20/each

Drawing: **Saturday, January 13, 2024** at 5:30 pm at St. Jules Hall.

Tickets will be available in the church office.

Call 225-473-8569 for more details.

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Monday, September 18**

**6:00 PM** - Virgie Verret and Marie Theresa Decker

#### **Tuesday, September 19**

**7:45 AM** - Intentions of Father Cleo Milano

#### **Thursday, September 21**

**6:00 PM** - George and Marjorie Malarcher

#### **Friday, September 22**

**7:45 AM** - Heidi Callegan, Mr. and Mrs. Camille Esneault and Parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Callegan and Parents

#### **Saturday, September 23**

**4:00 PM** - Gail, Beatrice, and Luke Giroir, Sr., Yvonne Simoneaux, Joan and Raymond Alford, Neal Barbier, Maver "Scozzie" Landry, Jr., Clem P. Hebert, Trip Daigle, Ethel Mabile Blanchard, Frank Bellina, Jr., Riley Sanchez, Charles Sanchez, and Jamie Cedotal Landry

#### **Sunday, September 24**

**8:30 AM** - Philip and Eva Simoneaux and Family, Felix and Vivian Simoneaux and Family, Intentions of Toby and Julie Boudreaux, Lawrence E. Bergeron, Sr. Family, Anthony R. Grisaffe Family, Virgie Verret, Cecilia Park, Intentions of Father Cleo Milano, and Mr. and Mrs. Beaute Landry and Family

**10:30 AM** - For the People of the Parish

### **This week's sanctuary light is for:**

**St. Elizabeth:** Marlene Newchurch

**St. Jules:** Shirley Melancon

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### **Please Pray For:**

Casey Arvel, Tucker Dupre, Margaret Law, Todd Daigle, Mary Day, Therese Blanchard, Jenny Dorand, Maggie Plauche, Beth Boudreaux, Ms. Bobby Smith and Family, Steven Gauthé, Michael Pizzolatto, Neal Hattier, Timmy Charlet, Aubrey Cedotal, Gabby Daigle, Patrick Wilson, Sandy George, Waylon Leake, Pete Babin, Leslie Prejean, Dennis Cavalier, Natalie Broussard, Brittany Cancienne, Bruce Charlet, Robert and Geraldine LeBlanc, Daryl Daigle, Marvin Hernandez, Jr., Sondra Cavalier, Marion Naquin, Trent Hartzog, Sharon Landry, Danny Woods, Marilyn Gros, Dakota Bonadona, Gerry Lou Sternfels, Kate Knight, Hunter Fruge, Toni Bessonnet, and Jimmy Ragan

*Please contact the office at 225-473-8569 to add or remove a name.*

### **Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season**

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awaken from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

*The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, 2nd Bishop of Lafayette*

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Friday

#### **STAFF**

**Admin. Assistant:** Jane Coupel, **DRE:** Lisa Landry  
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